(2) Intensive Sericulture Development Project in Ganjam district.

(3) Swiss assisted follow-up phase of Inter State Tasar Project.

Besides the Central Silk Board has created the following sericulture infrastructure for providing support in the fields of Research, Extension, Seed, Marketing & Training etc:-

(i) 1 Regional Sericulture Research Station.

(ii) 1 Regional Tasar Research Station.

(iii) 5 Basic Seed Multiplication & Training Centres.

(iv) 1 Raw Material bank-sub-Depot.

(v) 1 Regional Development Office.

(vi) 2 Research Extension Centres.

(vii) 1 P2 Farm.

(viii) 1 cocoon market.

(ix) 8 Technical Service Centres.

(x) 2 Silkworm Seed Production Centres.

(xi) 1 Farmers Training School.

The Central Silk Board is also implementing a number of schemes for development of sericultural in various States including Orissa like supply of rearing kit to small and marginal farmers, assistance to reelers etc.

Investigation into Bofors Case

1755. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:
SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position in regard to the investigation into Bofors case both in India and abroad;

(b) the steps being taken by the Indian and Swedish Governments to remove legal and administrative hindrances and to expedite the investigation; and

(c) the time by which the inquiry is likely to be concluded?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c). Investigations are being pursued actively by the C.B.I. All necessary steps are being taken to expedite these investigations. As the case is sub-judice in India and certain countries abroad and many complicated legal processes are involved, it is not possible to indicate the time by which the on-going investigations can be concluded.

Trade Deficit

1756. DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the foreign trade deficit and the overall balance of payment deficit expected during the current year;

(b) whether the new Import and Export Policy has shown any impact on the balance of payment position;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to cover the deficit?